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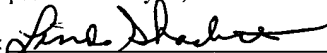
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5. U.S. 5,278,100 issued January 11, 1994.
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A copy of each listed item is enclosed.

Other Documents

1. European Patent Specification No. 1 436 434 published May 19, 1976.
2. Stroud et al., "Effect of Bow-Type Initial Imperfection on Reliability of Minimum-Weight Stiffened Structural Panels," NASA Technical Paper 3263, 1-24, (January 1993).

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